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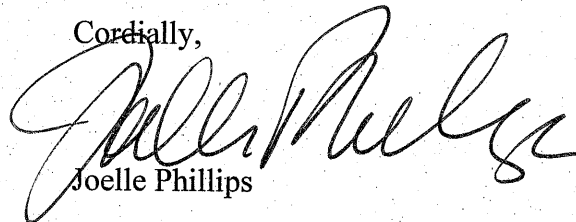
Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Petition of MCI WorldCom to Enforce Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 01-00513

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of the Joint Motion of MCI Worldcom and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Continue the Date for Filing Post-Hearing Briefs. Copies have been provided to counsel of record.

Cordially,



Joelle Phillips

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Enclosure

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Petition of MCI WorldCom to Enforce Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*

Docket No. 01-00513

**JOINT MOTION OF MCI WORLDCOM AND
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO CONTINUE THE DATE FOR FILING POST-HEARING BRIEFS**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and MCI WorldCom ("MCI") file this Joint Motion and respectfully request that the deadline for the filing of post-hearing briefs be continued for thirty (30) days in order to accommodate the parties' continuing efforts to resolve their dispute through settlement. The parties respectfully show the Hearing Officer as follows:

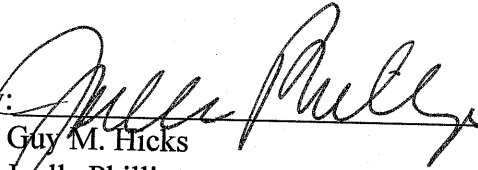
1. On May 3, 2002, the Hearing Officer entered its Order continuing the filing of post-hearing briefs until May 28, 2002, and requiring the parties to inform the Hearing Officer of the progress of settlement by May 20, 2002.
2. On May 20, 2002, the parties informed the Hearing Officer that settlement negotiations were continuing, that a memorandum of understanding had been reached, but that a final settlement agreement was still being negotiated.
3. The parties are continuing to work to arrive at a final settlement agreement. Although progress has been made, the parties have not yet produced a final settlement agreement. Both parties anticipate that a final settlement will be reached shortly.
4. The parties believe that their efforts to arrive at a final settlement agreement will be assisted by a continuance of the filing deadline for post-hearing briefs in this docket. A

continuance of this deadline would assist the parties to focus their attention on their settlement efforts.

For the foregoing reasons, BellSouth and MCI respectfully request that the Hearing Officer continue the filing of post-hearing briefs in this docket until Friday, June 28, 2002.


Respectfully submitted,

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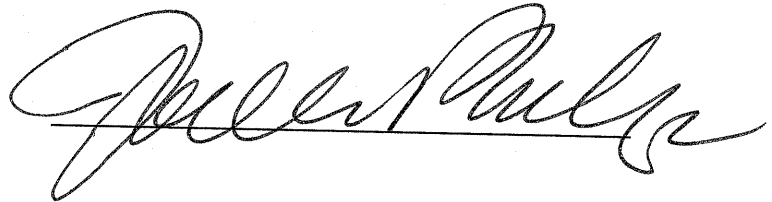
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 23, 2002, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Walker", written over a horizontal line.